

On Growing Beard and Trimming Moustaches:

This short article on ‘Growing Beard and Trimming Moustaches’ has been compiled from the traditions of Masomeen^{sws} and includes Arabic text along with references from our Ahadith books.

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عن ابن مسعود، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله قال: لما تاب الله على آدم أتاه جبرئيل فقال: إني رسول الله إليك وهو يقرئك السلام ويقول: يا آدم حياك الله وبياك قال: أما حياك الله فأعرفه فما بياك؟ قال: أضحك، قال: فسجد آدم عليه السلام فرفع رأسه إلى السماء وقال: يا رب زدني جمالا فأصبح وله لحية سوداء كالحمم فضرب بيده إليها فقال: يا رب ما هذه؟ فقال: هذه اللحية، زينتك بها أنت وذكر ولدك إلى يوم القيامة

It is narrated by Ibn-e-Massoud that Prophet Mohammad^{saww}, said: when Hazrat Adam^{as} was sad Allah^{swt} sent Hazrat Jibraeil^{as} to (cheer him up). Jibraeil said: I am a messenger of Allah^{swt} and Allah^{swt} Wishes you a long and cheerful life. (Upon hearing this) Adam^{as} went into prostration and then lifted his head towards skies and prayed: O Lord! Make me more graceful. In the morning, the next day, upon touching his face with his hands, Hazrat Adam^{as} felt a heavily grown black beard. Upon feeling it, Hazrat Adam^{as} said: Allah^{swt} What is this? Allah^{swt} replied: This is beard, the beauty for you^{as} and your sons to come until the day of resurrection.¹

(2)

أبي ، عن سعد ، عن أيوب بن نوح ، عن ابن أبي عمير ، عن حفص بن البختري ، عن أبي عبدالله عليه السلام قال : كان الناس لا يشيبون فأبصر إبراهيم عليه السلام شيبا في لحيته ، فقال : يارب ما هذا ؟ فقال : هذا وقار . فقال : رب زدني وقار

Abi Abdullah^{sws} said that the people never look old until the time of Hazrath Ibrahim^{as}. Upon observing a white hair in his beard, the first time, he prayed to Allah^{swt} Oh Allah^{swt}! Please enlighten me

¹ Bihar V 73 P 379 Ilaloshraya V2 P 379

about it. Allah^{SWT} said it is 'WIQAR' (reverence) for you. Then He^{AS} said Lord bestow me with more reverence.²

(3)

قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله حلق اللحية من المثلة ومن مثل فعليه لعنة الله

Rasool Allah^{Saww} said shaving beard is an act of mutilation and one incites Allah^{SWT} 's curse by shaving his beard.³

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عدة من أصحابنا عن سهل بن زياد، عن محمد بن الحسن بن شمون، عن عبد الله بن عبد الرحمن، عن مسمع، عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: قضى أمير المؤمنين عليه السلام في اللحية إذا حلق فلم تنبت دية كاملة فإذا نبتت فثلث دية

It is narrated from a chain of narrators that Amir-ul-Momaneen^{SWS} said if someone shaves his beard and it does not grow again then there is 'Blood Money' on him but if his beard grows again then he should pay out (elms) one third of the 'Blood Money'.⁴

الحلبي، عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: الدية عشرة آلاف درهم أو ألف دينار، قال جميل: قال أبو عبد الله عليه السلام: الدية مائة من الابل

Hazrat Abu Abdullah^{SWS} said: Blood money is ten thousand Dirhams or one thousand Dinars. Jamil said that Abu Abdullah^{SWS} said the blood money is equivalent to the price of one hundred camels.⁵

² Al-kafi vol 6 pg 494 Ilalushrayi vol 1 pg 104

³ Mustadrak UI Wasail Vol 1 Hadees No 1003

⁴ AL-KAFI .V-7.PG-316, FAQI V.4 P.150,TAHZEEB V 10 P.250

⁵ AL-KAFI V-7 P-272. TAHZEEB V-10 P-160

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فقال رسول الله لكن ربي أمرني بإعفاء لحيتي و قص شاربي الخبر

Rasool Allah^{saww} said that I have been asked by my Lord^{swt} to grow my beard and cut my moustaches⁶

(6)

قال: قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله): إن المجوس جزوا لحاهم، ووفروا شواربهم وإنا نحن نجز الشوارب، ونعفي اللحي، وهى الفطرة
The Messenger of Allah^{saww} said: The Majoosi⁷ shave their beards, and grow their moustaches and we trim our Moustaches, and grow our beards.⁸

(7)

رأيت أمير المؤمنين (عليه السلام) في شرطة الخميس ومعه درة يضرب بها بياعي الجري والمار ماهي والزمير والطافي، ويقول لهم: " يا بياعي مسوخ بني اسرائيل وجند بني مروان " فقام إليه فرات بن الاحنف فقال: يا أمير المؤمنين، وما جند بني مروان ؟ فقال له: " أقوام حلقوا اللحي وفتلوا الشوارب

A companion of Amir-ul-Momaneen^{sws} narrates: I saw Ali^{sws} accompanied with his officials, on Thursday, he had a lash in his hand and was hitting those with it who were selling 'Haram' fish-The fish with Moustaches and dead floating fish. Amir-ul-Momaneen^{sws} cautioned them: O sellers of deformed Children of Israel and Army of Marawan's son" (Upon listen to this) Furath Bin Al-Hanif asked : Ya Ali^{sws} who is the army of Marawan's son! Imam Ali^{sws} replied they are from those who shave their beards and twisted their moustaches.⁹

The minimum and maximum length of Beard:

It is narrated from Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{sws} that close your fingers around your beard and trim down hair which come out of your palm (width) and in another tradition, Imam^{sws} says the part of

⁶ Mustadrak Ul Wasail, Vol 1, Hadees No 1004

⁷ A nation who disobeyed Allah^{swt} and were destroyed by Allah^{swt}'s wrath.

⁸ Mustadrak Ul Wasail, Vol 2, Hadees No 1659

⁹ Usool-e-Kafi (Arabic Version), Vol 1, pp. 346, Hadith No. 3, Wasail-ul-Shia, Vol. 2, pp. 116, Mustadrak Ul Wasail, Vol. 16, pp. 178.

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beard which is longer than the fist length will be burnt in the hell fire.¹⁰

Imam Musa Kazim^{SWS} replied to a question regarding the trimming of beard, as: trim it down some from the sides and some from the front.¹¹

¹⁰ Tahzib-ul-Islam, pp. 182 (Urdu)

¹¹ Tahzib-ul-Islam, pp. 182 (Urdu)